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2. In 1955, the 1st and 3rd Departments (Abteilungen) of the 2nd Aviation were stationed in Drewitz, while the 2nd Department was stationed at Jocksdorf airfield, which was put in operation in October 1954. The personnel of the latter department were quartered at the area of Jocksdorf airfield. The same air activity was conducted in Jocksdorf and Drewitz.

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Each department of the aeroclub was equivalent to a regiment, subdivided into 3 squadrons, and each squadron consisted of 2 flights. The 1st and 3rd Departments of the Drevitz Aeroclub were equipped with 11 Yak-11s each. No Yak-18s were available. About 5 Yak-11s were ready for operation, with each department. During July 1955, a short training course, for newly employed mechanics was started with the Drevitz Aeroclub.

2. The following personnel of the VPL were known:

Commanding officer VPL

Chief of staff of VPZ

Commanding officer of 2nd Aeroclnb
in Drevitz

Commanding officer of 3rd Department

Commanding officer of 1st Squadron of
3rd Department

Major General Henry Fessler

Major General Heinz Zorn

Major General Wolfgang Reinhold

Captain Doerfl (Ena)

Lieutenant Al Wiemer who succeeded

Lieutenant Hasso Schmidt in late June 1955.

Commanding officer of the 2nd Squadron

Commanding officer of the 3rd Squadron

Senior Lieutenant Schneider (fnu)

Senior Lieutenant Wiese (fnu)

5. The 1st Aero Club was stationed at Gethus airfield and practiced only at this field. The 3rd Aero Club was stationed at Buitzen airfield and also did not use another field. Since 1952, Kamenz airfield has been occupied by a flying school, which is directly subordinated to the VPL High Command.

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Comment: Since the assignment of Jocksdorf airfield to the Aeroclub in Dresden has been repeatedly reported, it is believed that the statements in the present report are credible. It has previously been assumed that Kamenz airfield is occupied by the 1st Department of Bautzen Aeroclub. However, several statements have been received, which indicate that all VPL pilots are given initial pilot training at Kamenz airfield before being distributed to the individual Aeroclubs.

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